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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1981 No. 1675

## The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

### PART IV

#### MAGISTRATES' COURTS RULES

##### Magistrates' courts rules

**13.**—(1) For the purposes of or in relation to any jurisdiction exercisable by magistrates' courts, any such rules as may be made with respect to such courts by virtue of section 21 (1) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>F1</sup> or as relate to the subject of recommendations made to the Lord Chancellor under Article 14 may be made in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) There shall be a Rules Committee appointed by the<sup>F2F3</sup> Lord Chancellor (which may be styled “The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee”) which shall consist of such number of persons not exceeding nine as may be appointed and shall include at least two resident magistrates, one practising barrister and one practising solicitor.

<sup>F3</sup>(3) Any such rules as are referred to in paragraph (1) (which may be known as “magistrates' courts rules”) may be made by the Lord Chancellor on the advice of or after consultation with the Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice.

(4) The Rules Committee may regulate their own quorum and procedure and appoint such sub-committee as they think fit.

(5) The chairman of the Rules Committee shall be such member of the committee<sup>F4F5</sup> and the secretary to such committee shall be such person as the Lord Chancellor shall designate.

(6) Where any enactment—

- (a) in force on 16th August 1964 (other than an enactment referred to in Article 15 (1)); or
- (b) passed after 6th July 1964 and which does not expressly provide otherwise;

requires or authorises the making of rules (including rules prescribing forms and costs) in relation to any proceeding or matter whatsoever in magistrates' courts, such rules shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Article and the provisions of any such enactment shall have effect accordingly.

**F1** prosp. rep. by 2005 c. 4

**F2** prosp. subst. by 2002 c. 26

**F3** prosp. subst. by 2005 c. 4

**F4** prosp. insertion by 2002 c. 26

**F5** prosp. insertion by 2005 c. 4

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/01/2006. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, Section 13 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.